Colorado Academic Standards Reading, Writing, and Communicating (2020)









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Arts & Letters students engage with high-quality texts to explore science and social studies topics, literature, and fine art. By studying topics in depth, students build knowledge of the lived experiences of others and learn how a deeper knowledge of those experiences can change the world. The text-based lessons build strong readers, writers, and communicators through effective use of grammar and vocabulary. All students read and discuss grade-level texts, and the curriculum provides guidance for supporting all learners at key moments in the lessons.

There are four topic-driven modules for each grade level in *Arts & Letters*. The modules last between six and eight weeks and contain approximately 40 lessons. The core of each module is a selection of literary works, informational texts, and visual art. All modules integrate reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language instruction.

Arts & Letters was intentionally designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program. With strategic placement of supplemental materials, students can successfully achieve the proficiencies of Colorado standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge-building of Arts & Letters. A detailed alignment analysis between Colorado standards and Arts & Letters follows.

Standard 1. Oral Expression and Listening

Grade Level Expectation 1. Engage in dialogue and learn new information through active listening.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.1.1.a	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38
Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. (CCSS: SL.2.1)	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35
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	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36
RW.2.1.1.a.i Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (for example: gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion). (CCSS: SL.2.1a)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38
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RW.2.1.1.a.ii	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 14, 17, 21, 24, 29, 34
Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others. (CCSS: SL.2.1b)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 18, 31, 36
RW.2.1.1.a.iii	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 5, 31, 36
Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion. (CCSS: SL.2.1c)	

RW.2.1.1.b Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. (CCSS: SL.2.2)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36
RW.2.1.1.c Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. (CCSS: SL.2.3)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 10, 31, 36

Standard 1. Oral Expression and Listening

Grade Level Expectation 2. Deliver presentations while maintaining focus on topic and be prepared to discuss.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.1.2.a Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. (CCSS: SL.2.4)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 5, 10, 20, 32, 36, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 6, 12, 17, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30, 34, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 17, 18, 24, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 5, 10, 14, 18, 24, 25, 27, 30, 31, 32, 36, 38
RW.2.1.2.b Contribute knowledge to a small group or class discussion to develop a topic.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 6, 11, 16, 21, 28, 33, 36 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 7, 12, 21, 26, 31, 34 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 6, 7, 13, 25, 30, 34 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 6, 11, 19, 27, 32, 36
RW.2.1.2.c Maintain focus on the topic.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 5, 10, 20, 32, 36, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 6, 12, 17, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30, 34, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 17, 18, 24, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 5, 10, 14, 18, 24, 25, 27, 30, 31, 32, 36, 38

RW.2.1.2.d Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (CCSS: SL.2.5)	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 28, 29, 30, 31 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 27, 36, 37, 38
RW.2.1.2.e Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification (CCSS: SL.2.6)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 5, 10, 20, 32, 36, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 6, 25, 30, 34 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 12, 17, 24, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 5, 10, 18, 31, 36, 38
RW.2.1.2.f Use content-specific vocabulary to ask questions and provide information.*	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 6, 7, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38

Standard 2. Reading for All Purposes
Grade Level Expectation 1. Apply specific skills to comprehend and fluently read literary texts.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.2.1.a Use Key Ideas and Details to:	
RW.2.2.1.a.i Demonstrate use of self-monitoring comprehension strategies: rereading, checking context clues, predicting, questioning, clarifying, activating schema/background knowledge to construct meaning and draw inferences.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 2, 7, 12, 17, 24, 29 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 2, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, 34 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 2, 8, 14, 21, 26 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 7, 12, 15, 22, 28

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RW.2.2.1.a.ii	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36
Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (CCSS: RL.2.1)	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34
	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 34
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 36
RW.2.2.1.a.iii	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 5, 8, 10, 18, 20, 30, 32, 36
Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 23, 28, 30, 34
determine their central message, lesson, or moral. (CCSS: RL.2.2)	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 17, 34
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 16, 18, 36
RW.2.2.1.a.iv	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 9, 18, 19, 20, 30, 31, 32
Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 23, 29, 30
challenges. (CCSS: RL.2.3)*	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 15, 16, 17
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13, 16, 17
RW.2.2.1.b	
Use Craft and Structure to:	
RW.2.2.1.b.i	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 4, 19, 31
Describe how words and phrases (for example: regular beats,	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11
alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song. (CCSS: RL.2.4)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 9, 17
RW.2.2.1.b.ii	Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 28
Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the	Level 2, Module 3, Lesson 15
beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action. (CCSS: RL.2.5)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 3, 13, 17
RW.2.2.1.b.iii	Level 2, Module 3, Lesson 16
Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud. (CCSS: RL.2.6)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 4, 8, 17

RW.2.2.1.b.iv	Level 2, Module 1, Lesson 4
Identify how word choice (for example: sensory details, figurative language) enhances meaning in poetry.	
RW.2.2.1.c	
Use Integration of Knowledge and Ideas to:	
RW.2.2.1.c.i	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 8, 9, 11, 18, 30, 33
Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 23, 29
digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot. (CCSS: RL.2.7)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 9, 17
RW.2.2.1.c.ii	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 11, 18, 19
Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (for example: Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures. (CCSS: RL.2.9)	
RW.2.2.1.d	
Use Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity to:	
RW.2.2.1.d.i	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38
By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 27, 28, 29, 30, 34
scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (CCSS: RL.2.10)	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 34
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 36

Standard 2. Reading for All Purposes
Grade Level Expectation 2. Apply specific skills to comprehend and fluently read informational texts.

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RW.2.2.2.a	
Use Key Ideas and Details to:	
RW.2.2.a.i Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 35, 36
how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (CCSS: RI.2.1)*	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 34
	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 6, 11, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36
RW.2.2.2.a.ii	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 26, 36
Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 6, 9, 16, 17, 18, 20, 25, 28, 34
specific paragraphs within the text. (CCSS: RI.2.2)	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 9, 12, 24, 29, 34
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 23, 25, 31, 36
RW.2.2.2.a.iii	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3.
Summarize the main idea using relevant and significant details in a variety	Level 3, Module 1, Lessons 13, 14, 23, 28, 31, 32, 36
of texts.	Level 3, Module 2, Lessons 9, 10, 13, 18, 20, 22, 25, 28, 31, 36
	Level 3, Module 3, Lessons 24, 36
	Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 7, 13, 21, 36
RW.2.2.2.a.iv	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 13, 14, 15, 25, 27
Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (CCSS:	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 3, 4, 7, 11, 12, 17, 21, 24, 25, 26
	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 22, 24, 27, 29, 30
RI.2.3)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 23, 24, 29, 33
RW.2.2.2.b	
Use Craft and Structure to:	

RW.2.2.2.b.i Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. (CCSS: RI.2.4)	Level 2, Module 1, Lesson 15 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 2, 8, 10, 11, 16, 18, 21 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 3, 9, 13, 22, 23, 27, 28 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 11, 23, 25, 26, 29
RW.2.2.2.b.ii Know and use various text features (for example: captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. (CCSS: RI.2.5)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 25, 26 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 27, 31 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 28, 30 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 32
RW.2.2.b.iii Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. (CCSS: RI.2.6)	Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 18 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 3, 7, 12 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 29, 31, 33
RW.2.2.2.b.iv Read text to perform a specific task such as follow a recipe or play a game.	Arts & Letters does not address this standard.
RW.2.2.2.c Use Integration of Knowledge and Ideas to:	
RW.2.2.c.i Explain how specific images (for example: a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text. (CCSS: RI.2.7)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 13, 14, 15, 25, 26, 27 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 11 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 4, 23, 27 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 29, 33
RW.2.2.2.c.ii Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. (CCSS: RI.2.8)	Level 2, Module 3, Lesson 28 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 24, 30

RW.2.2.c.iii Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. (CCSS: RI.2.9)	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 19, 26 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 4, 7, 31 Level 2, Module 4, Lesson 33
RW.2.2.2.d Use Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity to:	
RW.2.2.d.i Adjust reading rate according to type of text and purpose for reading.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 5, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 11, 35, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 26, 37
RW.2.2.2.d.ii By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. (CCSS: RI.2.10)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 34 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 6, 11, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36

Standard 2. Reading for All Purposes
Grade Level Expectation 3. Apply knowledge of complex spelling patterns (orthography) and word meanings (morphology) to decode words with accuracy.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.2.3.a Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. (CCSS: RF.2.3)	Arts & Letters was designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program. Arts & Letters intentionally does not address most foundational skills within core materials for grade levels K–2. Some exceptions include morphology instruction, which occurs throughout K–2, and fluency instruction, which begins in level 2. Geodes®, our accessible and information-rich books for emerging and developing readers, allow students additional opportunities to apply their growing decoding skills while building knowledge on topics that align with Arts & Letters modules.

RW.2.2.3.a.i Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words. (CCSS: RF.2.3a)	Arts & Letters was designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program.
RW.2.2.3.a.ii Know spelling-sound correspondences for additional common vowel teams. (CCSS: RF.2.3b)	Arts & Letters was designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program.
RW.2.2.3.a.iii Read multisyllabic words accurately and fluently.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 35, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 26, 37
RW.2.2.3.a.iv Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels. (CCSS: RF.2.3c)	Arts & Letters was designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program.
RW.2.2.3.a.v Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes. (CCSS: RF.2.3d)	Arts & Letters was designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program.
RW.2.2.3.a.vi Identify words with inconsistent but common spelling-sound correspondences. (CCSS: RF.2.3e)	Arts & Letters was designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program.
RW.2.2.3.a.vii Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words. (adapted from CCSS: RF.2.3f)	Arts & Letters was designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program.
RW.2.2.3.b Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. (CCSS: RF.2.4)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 35, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 26, 37

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RW.2.2.3.d.ii	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 3, 21, 24
Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 3, 18, 22
added to a known word (for example: happy/unhappy, tell/retell). (CCSS: L.2.4b)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 17, 22, 25
RW.2.2.3.d.iii	Level 2, Module 1, Lesson 9
Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with	Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 21
the same root (for example: addition, additional). (CCSS: L.2.4c)	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 13, 18, 22
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 23, 32
RW.2.2.3.d.iv	Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 29
Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (for example: birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark). (CCSS: L.2.4d)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 4, 16, 26
RW.2.2.3.d.v	Level 2, Module 1, Lesson 9
Create new words by combining base words with affixes to connect known	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 21, 24
words to new words.	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 3, 18, 22
	Level 2, Module 4, Lesson 22
RW.2.2.3.d.vi	Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 10
Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases. (CCSS: L.2.4e)	Level 2, Module 4, Lesson 26
RW.2.2.3.e	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 4, 10
Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 23, 28, 29
nuances in word meanings. (CCSS: L.2.5)	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 9, 10, 11, 16, 17
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RW.2.2.3.e.i Identify real-life connections between words and their use (for example: describe foods that are spicy or juicy). (CCSS: L.2.5a)	Level 2, Module 1, Lesson 10 Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 29 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 7, 32
RW.2.2.3.e.ii Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (for example: toss, throw, hurl) and closely related adjectives (for example: thin, slender, skinny, scrawny). (CCSS: L.2.5b)	Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 23 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 7, 9, 16
RW.2.2.3.f Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (for example: When other kids are happy that makes me happy). (CCSS: L.2.6)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38
RW.2.2.3.g Determine which strategies should be used to decode multisyllabic words.	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3, Module 1, Lessons 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32 Level 3, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18, 19, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, Level 3, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 22, 26, 27, 28

Standard 3. Writing and Composition

Grade Level Expectation 1. Write pieces on a topic or book that state opinions and give supporting reasons.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.3.1.a Introduce the topic or book they are writing about. (CCSS: W.2.1)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
RW.2.3.1.b State an opinion. (CCSS: W.2.1)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
RW.2.3.1.c Supply reasons that support the opinion. (CCSS: W.2.1)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
RW.2.3.1.d Use linking words (for example: because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons. (CCSS: W.2.1)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
RW.2.3.1.e Provide a concluding statement or section. (CCSS: W.2.1)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

Standard 3. Writing and Composition

Grade Level Expectation 2. Write informative/explanatory texts organized around main ideas which are supported by relevant details, facts, and definitions.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.3.2.a Introduce a topic. (CCSS: W.2.2)	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35, 36
RW.2.3.2.b Use facts and definitions to develop points, including relevant details when writing to questions about texts. (CCSS: W.2.2)	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35, 36
RW.2.3.2.c Provide a concluding statement or section. (CCSS: W.2.2)	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35, 36
RW.2.3.2.d Write letters and "how-to's" (for example: procedures, directions, recipes) that follow a logical order and appropriate format.	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 12, 14
RW.2.3.2.e Organize informational texts using main ideas and specific supporting details.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 26 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 9, 17, 18, 20 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 3, 9, 29
RW.2.3.2.f Apply appropriate transition words to writing.	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 17, 19, 26, 28, 32, 33
RW.2.3.2.g Writers use technology to support the writing process.	Level 2, Module 3, Lesson 28 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 27, 36, 37

Standard 3. Writing and Composition

Grade Level Expectation 3. Write real or imagined narratives that describe events in sequence and provide a sense of closure.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.3.3.a Include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings. (CCSS: W.2.3)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37
RW.2.3.3.b Use temporal words to signal event order. (CCSS: W.2.3)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37
RW.2.3.3.c Provide a sense of closure. (CCSS: W.2.3)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37
RW.2.3.3.d Write simple, descriptive poems.	Arts & Letters addresses writing poetry in grade levels 6 and 8. Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 26 Level 8, Module 1, Lessons 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 30, 37
RW.2.3.3.e Write with precise nouns, active verbs, and descriptive adjectives.	Arts & Letters partially addresses this standard; the program does not explicitly address writing with precise nouns. Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 14, 17, 23, 25, 34, 35, 36 Arts & Letters addresses using active verbs in grade level 8. Level 8, Module 2 Lessons 9, 15, 19, 25, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 38, 39
RW.2.3.3.f Apply knowledge about structure and craft gained from mentor text to narrative writing.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
RW.2.3.3.g Develop characters both internally (thoughts and feelings) and externally (physical features, expressions, clothing).	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 15, 24, 29, 37

Standard 3. Writing and Composition

Grade Level Expectation 4. Use a process to revise and edit so that thoughts and ideas are communicated clearly with appropriate spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.3.4.a Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (CCSS: L.2.1)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38
	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 7, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 30, 31, 36, 37
	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 23, 25, 30, 34, 35, 36
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19
RW.2.3.4.a.i	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 15, 19, 20, 26, 30, 31, 36, 37
Use collective nouns (for example: group). (CCSS: L.2.1a)	
RW.2.3.4.a.ii	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 8, 11, 25
Use reflexive pronouns (for example: myself, ourselves). (CCSS: L.2.1c)	
RW.2.3.4.a.iii	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 20, 22, 26, 36, 37
Form and use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs (for example: sat, hid, told). (CCSS: L.2.1d)	
RW.2.3.4.a.iv	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 14
Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified. (CCSS: L.2.1e)	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 14, 17, 23, 25, 34, 35, 36
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 8, 9, 14, 18, 19, 25, 26, 32, 33
RW.2.3.4.a.v	Arts & Letters addresses subject-verb agreement in Level 3.
Apply accurate subject-verb agreement while writing.	Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 24, 29, 31, 33

RW.2.3.4.a.vi Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences (for example: The boy watched the movie; The little boy watched the movie; The action movie was watched by the little boy). (CCSS: L.2.1f)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 7, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 26, 31 Level 2, Module 3, Lesson 35 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 6, 9, 11, 16, 19, 27, 28, 32
RW.2.3.4.a.vii Vary sentence beginnings.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 19, 26, 31, 37 Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 15 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 28, 32
RW.2.3.4.a.viii Spell high-frequency words correctly.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 10, 12, 13, 18, 25, 28, 35, 36
RW.2.3.4.b Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.2.2)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 21, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 21, 26, 30, 31, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 25, 26, 32, 33, 37
RW.2.3.4.b.i Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names. (CCSS: L.2.2a)	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 21, 26, 30, 31, 36, 37
RW.2.3.4.b.ii Use commas in greetings and closings of letters. (CCSS: L.2.2b)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 12, 14
RW.2.3.4.b.iii Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives. (CCSS: L.2.2c)	Level 2, Module 3, Lesson 21 Level 2, Module 4, Lesson 15
RW.2.3.4.b.iv Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (for example: cage → badge; boy → boil). (CCSS: L.2.2d)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 24, 25, 28, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 14, 18, 19, 25, 26, 32, 33, 37

RW.2.3.4.b.v	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 13, 25, 36
Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings. (CCSS: L.2.2e)	
RW.2.3.4.c	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 21, 28, 33, 38
With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 20, 26, 31, 37
strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing. (CCSS: W.2.5)	Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 12, 13, 17, 23, 25, 34, 35, 36
	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 14, 19, 26, 33, 37
RW.2.3.4.d	Level 2, Module 3, Lesson 28
With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (CCSS: W.2.6)	Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 27, 36, 37

Standard 4. Research Inquiry and Design

Grade Level Expectation 1. Participate in shared research and inquiry, gathering information from a variety of resources to answer questions.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.2.4.1.a Participate in shared research and writing projects. For example: read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations. (CCSS: W.2.7)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 11, 16, 21, 28, 33, 36 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 7, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 6, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38
RW.2.4.1.b Identify a variety of resources and the information they might contain (for example: dictionary, trade book, library databases, internet web page).	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 27, 28 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 9, 16, 22, 27 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 16, 27, 29

RW.2.4.1.c Identify a specific question and gather information for purposeful investigation and inquiry.	Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 11, 23, 27, 28, 35 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 9, 16, 22, 27 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 13, 16, 29, 30
RW.2.4.1.d Use text features to locate and interpret information. For example: table of contents, illustrations, diagrams, headings and bold type.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 25, 26 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 27, 31 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 28, 30 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 32
RW.2.4.1.e Use a variety of multimedia sources to answer questions of interest.	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 6, 11, 16, 21, 27, 28 Level 2, Module 2, Lesson 12 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 4, 6, 13, 18, 23, 25
RW.2.4.1.f Ask primary questions of depth and breadth.	Level 2, Module 1, Lesson 2 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 15, 22, 27 Level 2, Module 4, Lesson 10
RW.2.4.1.g Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (CCSS: W.2.8)	Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 3, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37 Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36 Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35 Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37